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Beware tower sale: Police

metro EXCLUSIVE
Report shows concerns that buyer could spy on headquarters

 **Stephanie Taylor**
Metro | Winnipeg

The Winnipeg Police Service says they're concerned selling a tower attached to their headquarters could make them vulnerable to "counter surveillance."

Documents obtained by Metro show in June 2015, outgoing Chief Devon Clunis was worried selling the Graham Avenue Tower to a private property owner would "create significant risk."

The three-page report, partially redacted, says the risks are biggest in the skywalk link,

the main floor access and public spaces between the tower and the new headquarters, formerly the Canada Post building.

Police board chair Coun. Scott Gillingham said he was briefed on the risks, several of which were blacked out in the copy Metro obtained. The City of Winnipeg said disclosing that information could endanger the safety of police and threaten building security.

Gillingham said he has received no updates on the matter since, and wasn't sure if the risks identified were addressed.

The city purchased the tower for \$18 million as part of the nearly \$30 million deal in 2009 to buy three attached buildings, including a warehouse that would one day become the new home of the police service.

Earlier this year, the City put out a call to the private sector to find a use for the tower.

\$18M
Price paid by the city for the tower

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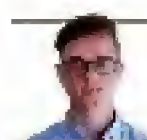
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City mosquito battle begins

INSECT CONTROL

Once larva were found, retribution was swift



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

In the fight against mosquitoes, weather dictates everything from the timing of each blow to the battleground itself.

This year, a rapid onset of warm spring weather forced the city's opening salvo earlier than normal.

Superintendent of insect control Ken Nawolsky said the larviciding program is beginning "10 days earlier than the historical average."

The first larva were discovered this season on April 18 — when Nawolsky and his crew began larviciding and monitoring the situation closely.

Significant rains just days before, however, made for "above normal soil moisture conditions, resulting in many pools of standing water," Nawolsky said.

He explained larviciding is effective for controlling mosquitoes as long as larva don't get a chance to hatch, and is the preferred method because it's 100 per cent biological.

The challenge for the insect control branch is monitoring and treating more than 31,500 hectares of water area.

But weather is back in the



Superintendent of insect control Ken Nawolsky said cool weather right now helps the city get to all of the sitting water to treat larva. **BRAEDEN JONES/METRO**

city's favour, as the cool-down Thursday and expected to last through the weekend allows them to "treat all of the mosquito larva before they emerge as adults."



We expect a low population of adult nuisance mosquitoes in the coming weeks Ken Nawolsky

For that task, the city employs four specially equipped helicopters and more than 180 staff.

But even that may not be

enough — as there are roughly 7,000 more standing water listings ripe for mosquito hatching.

Nawolsky said the city is "strongly encouraging prop-

erty owners to help fight the bite, as approximately 50 per cent of standing water occurs on private property."

Residents can dump, drain,

cover, eliminate or treat sitting water to help control the pesky adult nuisance mosquito numbers this year.

Monitoring for adult blood-suckers will begin May 2, counts will be posted on the city's website on May 4, but Nawolsky is feeling confident this year won't be that bad.

"Combined with the overwintering adult mosquitoes and a small emergence of adult spring species, we expect a low population of adult nuisance mosquitoes in the coming weeks," he said.



The larva-chopper (Note: that's not its official title). **BRAEDEN JONES/METRO**

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Missing man's car found in Ontario

Winnipeg police say they have found a missing man's car in Ontario and are asking the public for any assistance they can give.

Kean Luo, also known as Chris, was last seen April 2 in Winnipeg's south end.

Police said he drives a 2010 grey Volvo, two-door S series, with a Minnesota plate that reads 154REY. Police said they found Luo's vehicle in Kenora but have yet to find the man. The Winnipeg force is working with Ontario Provincial Police on the investigation.

Luo is described as Malaysian, roughly five feet nine inches, 150 pounds, with short black hair, brown eyes and glasses.



Kean 'Chris' Luo. CONTRIBUTED

Police said they are concerned for his well-being and are asking anyone with information to contact the Missing Persons Unit at 204-9860-6250. METRO



Winnipeg police say Luo drove a car like this one. CONTRIBUTED



Winnipeggers attend the Disability Matters debate during the provincial election campaign. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO FILE

Disability Matters plots road forward

ADVOCACY

Direction not yet certain after success in 2016 election



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

As the dust from the provincial election settles, the group behind the Disability Matters Vote 2016 campaign is planning its next move.

"We're going to do something.... I don't know what it will be called or how it will be organized, but this movement

will continue for sure," said spokesperson Malinda Roberts.

The group met Thursday to plot a course forward. Whatever direction they go, they follow a non-partisan campaign that demanded Manitobans and political parties alike pay attention to the disabled communities' concerns.

Roberts said the outcome was "better than anything we could have imagined when we started.... The level of engagement blew us away."

The launch event at the Manitoba Legislature on Dec. 3 saw more than 1,600 people rally. A debate in March was attended by more than 1,000 and live-streamed to hundreds more.

In 16 constituencies, Disabil-

"The level of engagement blew us away."
Malinda Roberts

ity Matters volunteers actually door-knocked like candidates, and in many ridings there were rallies and signs on lawns.

Eventually, the spirit of what the campaign represented took on a life of its own.

"One of the beautiful things of the campaign is how decentralized it became as people caught the passion," Roberts said. "We'd hear about a street rally or event in Brandon or

Selkirk and we'd go. 'Hey, who did that?'"

But beyond the "thousands" of volunteers and supporters, Disability Matters also managed to get detailed responses from candidates about their own experience with disability issues and their views on the greatest accessibility issue in their constituency.

"Every candidate in the province answered, which was amazing," Roberts said. "I hope they learned and I think they did based on their responses."

Although the group is so far unsure how the movement will carry on, the one certainty is that the Progressive Conservatives and leader Brian Pallister are squarely in their sights.

COST OF LIVING

Fall to see affordable-housing forum

The city's housing steering committee has set the wheels in motion to plan an affordable-housing forum for the fall.

Committee chair Coun. Jenny Gerbasi said the idea is to get stakeholders engaged in the discussion to say, "Now what are the next steps for our affordable-housing efforts?"

The committee recommended city administration seek partnerships — including

"We should really sit down again and say, 'Where are people at now?'"
Coun. Jenny Gerbasi

with fresh faces at the provincial and federal levels of government and at CentreVenture

— in determining the funding and logistics for a "housing roundtable in the fall of 2016."

The roundtable should consider issues of affordable housing in Winnipeg, including, but not limited to, the downtown area.

Gerbasi explained the city's affordable-housing program comes to an end in September of this year, but the plan that could come out of this forum

would be "a broader one than only downtown."

"I think it's clearly time for one, anyway," Gerbasi said. "There are various different ways of connecting with people; when we developed our housing strategy there was lots of consultation and discussion. We should really sit down again and say, 'Where are people at now?' and decide what's next." BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

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'Heartbeats don't just stop'

FORENSICS

Unlikely that hidden infants were stillborn, says doctor

At least some of the six infants whose remains were found inside a storage locker would have been born alive, two medical experts testified Thursday.

Dr. Michael Narvey, a director of neonatal research at a children's hospital, told the trial of Andrea Giesbrecht that the babies were all at or near full term — between 34 and 42 weeks — and having six stillbirths would be virtually unheard of.

"I believe that at least some, if not all, of these children would have been born alive," Narvey testified.

"To have six (stillbirths) is extremely improbable."

Giesbrecht, 42, is being tried by judge alone on six charges of concealing the bodies. She was arrested in October 2014 after employees at a U-Haul storage facility in Win-



The storage lockers where the remains of at least six infants were found in 2014.

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nipeg discovered the remains.

Court heard earlier this week that DNA tests link Giesbrecht and her husband to all six infants. Medical records show she also had 10 legal abortions between 1994 and 2011.

No one has yet been able to say how long the remains were in the storage locker that Giesbrecht had rented.

Under cross-examination, Narvey said medical examiners had been unable to determine the causes of death because of

decomposition.

"You cannot say with certainty what the state of the (infants) was at the time of birth," defence lawyer Greg Brodsky said.

"If you only look at the autopsy results, all say: 'Too great

"I believe that at least some, if not all, of these children would have been born alive. Dr. Michael Narvey

a state of decay,'" Narvey replied. "But if you look at ... the probabilities, it is highly, highly improbable (they were stillborn)."

About six in 1,000 babies in Canada are stillborn, Narvey testified. A mother with one stillborn child has an increased risk of having a second, but it is still very rare — less than three in 100, he said.

Another Crown witness, obstetrician Dr. Sharon Naugler, said the odds of one woman having six stillborn infants at or near full term are one in 100 trillion.

"It's astronomically small. I would say medically impossible."

Naugler said there was nothing in Giesbrecht's health records or the infant autopsies that showed any abnormalities.

"Heartbeats don't just stop," Brodsky has said the trial, which started this week, will

probably be lengthy because it will depend a great deal on the testimony of forensic pathologists and forensic anthropologists.

Court has already heard how police officers were called to the U-Haul facility after staff entered a locker to take inventory because the bill hadn't been paid.

A police report read out in court said employees smelled a strong odour and saw "squishy bags."

Officers found bodies wrapped in garbage bags and placed in a duffel bag, a tote bag and plastic containers. One body was wrapped in a towel, as well as a garbage bag, and stored in a pail. One officer managed to pry open one container and saw "limbs that belonged to an infant."

The trial has to yet to hear any testimony about why the infants' remains were kept in storage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

COURT

Judge reserves decision on granting accused bomber bail

A judge has reserved decision on whether a Winnipeg man accused of sending letter bombs to his former wife and two lawyers should be granted bail.

It's the second time Guido Amsel has applied to be released from custody.

He's appealing a decision from last September that denied him bail.

Amsel, 49, was charged with three counts of attempted murder after letter bombs were sent

to a pair of law firms and to his ex-wife last summer.

Two of the explosives were safely detonated, but one exploded and seriously injured a lawyer who had represented Amsel's wife in the couple's divorce.

Maria Mitousis lost a hand and suffered severe injuries to her upper body.

Submissions made at the bail review are under a publication ban.

Amsel also faces a number of weapons and explosives charges.

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NEW CHARGES

Earlier this month, two new attempted murder charges were laid against Amsel in relation to an explosion at his former wife's home in April 2013.



Notice of Public Hearing

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Such reviews resulted in Board Orders 72/07, 51/10 and 25/14.

The Board has now begun the process of conducting the required triennial review and seeks input from any and all interested parties.

Submissions are to be made in writing to the Public Utilities Board, a) by mail to the

Board at 4th Floor 330 Portage Ave., Winnipeg MB R3C 0C4, or b) by email to publicutilities@gov.mb.ca. Submissions must be received by the Board on or before May 20, 2016.

Following review of submissions received, the Board will determine whether there is a need for an oral hearing. If not deemed necessary, the Board will deliberate on the fee schedule, taking into account all comments submitted. If a public hearing is deemed to be necessary by the Board, it will begin June 20, 2016, and, in that event, interested parties will be notified and provided with procedural information ahead of the hearing date.

PROCEDURE

The Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure apply, and are available on the Board's website and either upon request to the Secretary of the Board (at 400-330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 0C4) or by calling at (204) 945-2638 or 1-866-854-3698 (toll free). The Board's email address is publicutilities@gov.mb.ca.

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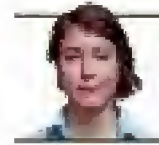
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Tower sale risky: Police

SECURITY

Deal may leave headquarters vulnerable



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

The Winnipeg Police Service says the potential sale of an office tower connected to its new police headquarters would leave members "vulnerable" to "counter surveillance."

A confidential briefing note sent and signed by outgoing police chief Devon Clunis to chairman of the city's police board Coun. Scott Gillingham in June 2015 titled, "Risks associated to the sale of 266 Graham Avenue Tower," details just that in a three-page report.

Metro recently obtained a partially redacted copy under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

By allowing a private owner to occupy the empty two-thirds portion of the 11-storey tower, the report notes the "significant



The police force is concerned that selling the Graham Avenue Tower linked to their new HQ could pose significant risks, including potential counter surveillance of members. METRO FILE

risk" of creating an unintentional back door to police operations in their new headquarters at 245 Smith St.

The report then cites an explanation the city redacted because disclosing that information could endanger the safety of a police officer and threaten building security, then continues with — "designed to support the

unique operational requirements of the WPS."

Areas where risks are named include the skywalk link, main floor access and public spaces between tower and headquarters.

According to the report, the sale of the tower could make service members "vulnerable" to "counter surveillance," warning also that cameras and card

access installed by a new private owner could be used for "counter surveillance/intelligence."

Granting access to private contractors and the legal agreement of sale itself are also listed as potential risks.

The city plans to issue an expression of interest for the potential sale or lease of the mostly vacant tower, which staff estimate

to cost \$2.1 million in missed revenues this year, and require \$300,000 for general up-keep.

Gillingham was briefed on the matter because under police board rules, the force must disclose any issues pertaining to risk impact and mitigation. Any risk identified in the report "certainly needs to be considered and addressed from the service's point of view before any sale could happen or renovation for leasing could happen," he said.

Gillingham has not received updates since last year, and doesn't know if the police's concerns have been addressed.

Metro requested an interview with John Kiernan, director of the city's department of planning, property and development, but spokesperson Alissa Clark offered an email response instead.

"The Public Service will carefully assess any proposal it receives for the tower at 266 Graham Avenue, and will do so in collaboration with the Winnipeg Police Service as a long-term tenant and shared user of the space with key security requirements," she wrote to Metro.

A police spokesperson also defaulted to the city on the matter.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Pilot project kicks off

A two-year pilot project that employs security cameras to deter illegal dumping has officially begun, as city staff started installing the equipment this week.

According to a prepared statement, "due to the nature of the program, the specific locations of the cameras are confidential."

The cameras are high resolution, equipped with night-vision capabilities — given that's when a lot of the dumping happens — and they are even solar-powered.

They can also pick up details on a license plate from as far as 76 metres away.

Council approved the project in Sept. 2015, including funding of \$55,000 for the hardware and program cost.

Anyone caught on the cameras can expect individual fines ranging from \$600 to \$2,000, and corporate dumpers like construction companies will see fines as high as \$4,000.

A prepared statement Thursday said the cameras will also "be periodically moved from location to location." METRO



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Spring has most certainly sprung in Winnipeg. Our always active city is sliding into high gear with an excitement-at-every-turn roster. So get out and soak up the fun.

Shel Zolkewich
For Metro | Winnipeg

1 Wining & fundraising

The much-loved Winnipeg Wine Festival returns on Sunday and continues with a full slate of events throughout the week. A fundraising event for Special Olympics Manitoba, this year's version showcases hundreds of wines from dozens of wineries at public tastings, gala dinners and casual gatherings. Tickets start at \$50 per event.



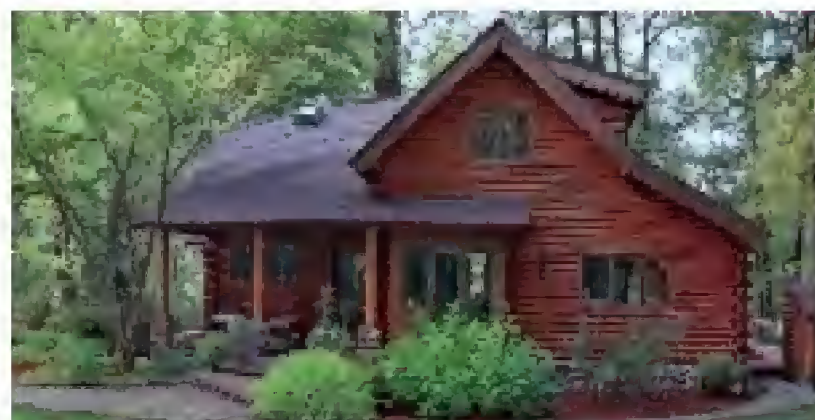
3 Of operatic Mice and Men

The enduring tale of George and Lennie is retold by the Manitoba Opera on Saturday evening, Apr. 23. The John Steinbeck story of two ranch workers in search of a dream takes to the stage in this haunting rendition at the Centennial Concert Hall. Tickets start at \$29.



2 Cottage time

The lure of the lake is strong at this time of the year. The 7th Annual Cottage Country Show kicks off Friday and runs until Sunday at Red River Exhibition Park. Whether your dreams include a brand new timber frame cottage or simply replacing the roof on your bunkie, this show has you covered. Admission is \$10 and there's plenty of free parking.



4 Garden party

Habitat for Humanity's Women Build hosts its 6th annual Garden Party Fashion Show at the Delta Winnipeg on Sunday, Apr. 24. All proceeds go toward building a home for a low income working family to purchase. The afternoon includes fashions from local boutiques on models of all ages and sizes. Lunch is included. Tickets are \$50.





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Earth Day 2016 in Winnipeg

ACTIVITIES

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Evan Matthews
For Metro | Winnipeg

Earth Day 2016 is upon us, and Winnipeggers are ready to get down and dirty to make our planet cleaner.

The aim of Earth Day is to encourage the global population to be more environmentally conscious and people do so by holding festivals, rallies and events to raise social awareness.

The same can be said here in Winnipeg, as a number of local organizations are nurturing the idea with events of their own Friday.

From 8 to 10 a.m., the Aveda Institute is offering a pancake breakfast with yogurt topped with granola and berries, tea and coffee. The best part? Prize giveaways from the Winnipeg Jets, The Fairmont Winnipeg, Hilary Druxman Design and more.

Aveda's address is 80 Rorie St.

Then from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Forks has organized free programming to attract some of our Earth family.

Learn about Target Zero, a program with initiatives designed at lowering the carbon footprint of The Forks. Other activities include workshops on bike repair, urban beekeeping and more.

Assiniboine Park Zoo is having its festivities all weekend long. There will be bingo, face painting, educational moments with the animals and prizes.

"The Earth is our most pre-

cious asset, and it's our duty to make it a safe and thriving place for humans and animals," said Gary Lunsford, Head, Zoological Operations at the Assiniboine Park Zoo.

All activities are free with regular zoo admission, and the zoo is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Other activities around the city include an Earth Day Clean-Up by Downtown Winnipeg BIZ from 9 - 11 a.m. at Thunderbird House, then 2 - 4 p.m. at the Millennium Library.

The BIZ is looking to pick up more litter for their fifth consecutive year, topping last year's total of 2,750 lbs., (1,247 kg) according to their website.

Think globally, and celebrate locally with the many activities and environmentally friendly initiatives available in our city this Earth Day.

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Airport aims for cleaner air

The Winnipeg Richardson International has received Level One Mapping certification under the Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) Program, the Winnipeg Airport Authority announced Thursday. ACA is an institutionally endorsed, global carbon management certification program for airports, according to their website.

The program maps and measures current carbon footprints and then creates a plan for ways to reduce that footprint — mainly engaging the many people who use the airport in those plans — and the final phase is to invest in carbon alternatives.

The WAA said it's committed to reducing its carbon footprint and will continue to launch initiatives to reduce emissions.

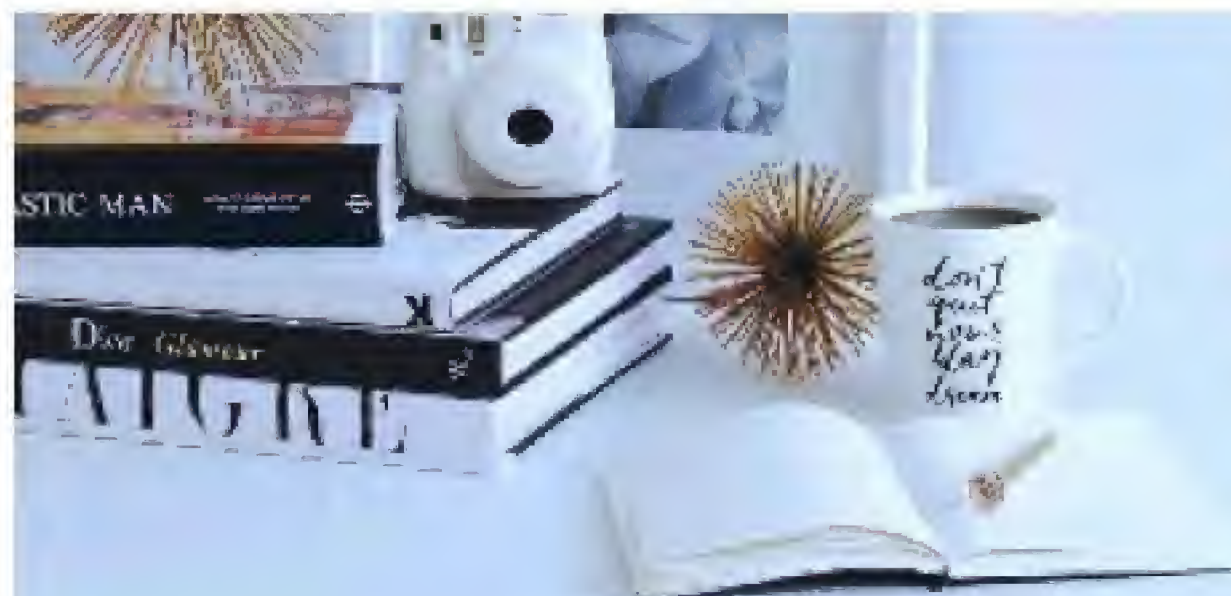
To date, the airport has installed a charging system for a fully electric public transit bus, and has the only LEED Silver certified terminal building in Canada.

Green features of the building include radiant heating and cooling systems, heat recovery systems and electric powered passenger boarding bridges.

"Winnipeg Airports Authority is committed to monitoring greenhouse gas emissions and developing innovative reduction strategies to continue on our journey towards becoming a carbon neutral facility," said Barry Rempel, President and CEO of Winnipeg Airports Authority.

"Our work on the ACA Program continues as we set our sights on achieving Level Two Reduction," he said.

There are four levels to the program including mapping, reduction, optimization and neutrality. To achieve Level One Mapping certification, greenhouse inventory for 2014 was completed, the WAA said. The scope of the inventory included fuel emissions, electricity, natural gas, boilers, chillers, fleet vehicles and buildings, the WAA said. EVAN MATTHEWS/FOR METRO



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PM Justin Trudeau spars at Gleason's Boxing Gym in Brooklyn, New York on Thursday. Trudeau was there to train with kids from the Give A Kid A Dream program that works to provide mentorship to disadvantaged youths through boxing.

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YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

PM boxes through questions

Young people need to get more involved in politics, Justin Trudeau told an audience of university students in New York City this morning.

"Young people need to demand more from their politicians, their business leaders, their community leaders," the prime minister told students at New York University.

Strolling among them with his sleeves rolled up and a microphone in his hand, Trudeau said that there's plenty of work for everyone to do to make the world a better place.

Trudeau is in New York City to sign the Paris climate-change agreement on Friday.

His itinerary on Thursday also included a photo-op at the

legendary Gleason's Gym, where boxing champions Muhammad Ali, Jake (Raging Bull) LaMotta and Mike Tyson trained (albeit in the gym's previous locations).

Trudeau acknowledged to the students that Canadians leave a high per capita carbon footprint through the use of energy, and that Canada's relations with its First Nations communities present an enormous challenge.

He said his government is striving to reflect Canadian ideals and values, and that includes getting more young people interested in the political process.

Trudeau added that young people need to work in political campaigns, and not just as "letter stuffers and sign-putters."

Most of the question-and-an-

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Justin Trudeau has been chosen by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people of 2016.

swer session with the students dealt with the environment.

He defended his support of pipelines to carry oil as safer than rail transport, but said society has to eventually wean itself off reliance on fossil fuels.

He said that it's not necessarily a bad thing if big business gets involved in organic farming, if done responsibly.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mike Duffy ruled not guilty by judge

COURT

Harsh words reserved for Crown, PMO

Mike Duffy walked out of an Ottawa court a free man Thursday after a judge cleared him of all charges while at the same time delivering a scathing indictment of the Prince Edward Island senator's former political masters.

Duffy sat almost totally still throughout the four hours Justice Charles Vaillancourt spent dismantling the Crown's argument that the senator had deliberately defrauded the public purse by claiming invalid living and office expenses and had engaged in corrupt behaviour when it came to paying that money back.

Vaillancourt all but wagged his finger in admonishment at the Crown as he repeatedly questioned their decision not to extensively cross-examine Duffy or try to challenge his testi-



Mike Duffy leaves court after his trial on Thursday

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mony with witnesses of their own during the 62-day trial.

But the justice's harshest words were aimed at the Prime Minister's Office under Stephen Harper and its conduct regarding a decision by Harper's former chief of staff, Nigel Wright, to give Duffy \$90,000 to repay his living expenses.

Vaillancourt said he did not see it the same way as the Crown, which had argued Duffy's actions were driven by

"deceit, manipulations and carried out in a clandestine manner" when he took the cheque.

"I find that if one were to substitute the PMO, Nigel Wright and others for Senator Duffy in the aforementioned sentence that you would have a more accurate statement," Vaillancourt said.

Vaillancourt said he found Duffy a credible witness and that he was subject to intense pressure from the PMO and its staff, who only had one goal: make the political storm created by Duffy's expense issues go away.

He said the email traffic between Wright, Duffy and other PMO officials exposed a chief of staff ordering senators around like "pawns on a chess board," and saw senators "meekly acquiesce" and then "robotically" march out to repeat their scripted lines.

"The political, covert, relentless, unfolding of events is mind boggling and shocking," Vaillancourt said.

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Climate deal on track for early start

ENVIRONMENT

Record could be set for international diplomacy

As many as 170 countries are expected to sign the Paris Agreement on climate change Friday in a symbolic triumph for a landmark deal that once seemed unlikely but now appears on track to enter into force years ahead of schedule.

UN officials say the signing ceremony Friday will set a record for international diplomacy. Never before have so many countries inked an agreement on the first day of the signing period.

That could help pave the way for the pact to become effective long before the original 2020 deadline — possibly this year, though countries must first formally approve it through their domestic procedures.

"We are within striking distance of having the agreement start years earlier than anyone

anticipated," said Brian Deese, an adviser to President Barack Obama.

The U.S. and China, which together account for nearly 40 per cent of global emissions, have said they intend to formally join the agreement this year. It will enter into force once 55 countries representing at least 55 per cent of global emissions have done so.

"There's incredible momentum," said former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark, who heads the UN Development Program. She said her agency is working with more than 140 countries on climate change-related issues, and that financing to make the Paris Agreement a reality is "critical, and let's hope everyone lives up to commitments made."

The agreement, the world's response to hotter temperatures, rising seas and other impacts of climate change, was hammered out in December outside Paris. The pact was a major breakthrough in UN climate negotiations, which for years were bogged down with disputes between rich and poor countries

EMISSIONS

Under the agreement, countries set their own targets for reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. The targets are not legally binding but countries must update them every five years.

over who should do what to fight global warming.

The mood was so pessimistic after a failed 2009 climate summit in Copenhagen, Denmark, that UN climate chief Christiana Figueres said she thought a global deal wouldn't happen in her lifetime. Now she expects the Paris Agreement to take effect by 2018.

"Even if the Paris pledges are implemented in full, they are not enough to get us even close to a 2-degree pathway," said John Sterman, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "I don't think people understand how urgent it is." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONEY

Abolitionist Harriet Tubman to be the face U.S. \$20 bill

U.S. paper money is getting a historic makeover.

Harriet Tubman, an African-American abolitionist born into slavery, will be the new face on the \$20 bill.

The leader of the Underground Railroad is replacing the portrait of Andrew Jackson, the nation's seventh president and a slave owner, who is being pushed to the back of the bill.

And Alexander Hamilton, the nation's first Treasury secretary who's enjoying a revival thanks to a hit Broadway play, will keep his spot on the \$10 note after

earlier talk of his removal.

The changes are part of a currency redesign announced Wednesday by Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew, with the new \$20 marking two historic milestones: Tubman will become the first African-American to ever be featured on U.S. paper money and the first woman to be depicted on paper currency in 100 years.

"This gesture sends a powerful message, because of the tendency in American history, the background of excluding women and marginalizing them as national symbols," said Riche Rich-

ardson, associate professor in the Africana Studies and Research Center at Cornell University. "So even the symbolic significance of this cannot be overstated."

Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Alice Paul.

The back of the \$20, which now shows the White House, will be redesigned to include the White House and Jackson, whose statue stands across the street in Lafayette Park.

The last woman featured on U.S. paper money was Martha Washington, who was on a dollar silver certificate from 1891 to 1896. The only other woman ever featured on U.S. paper money was Pocahontas, from 1865 to 1869.

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Millionaires tax to pay for rebuild

EARTHQUAKE

Ecuador looks at ways to raise cash to repair quake damage

The death count from Ecuador's worst earthquake in a decade rose to at least 577 on Thursday even as the country was facing another grim toll: a long and costly reconstruction effort likely to cost billions of dollars.

President Rafael Correa announced Wednesday night that he would raise sales taxes and put a one-time levy on millionaires to help pay for reconstruction.

The damage from the 7.8-magnitude quake adds to already heavy economic hardships being felt in this OPEC nation because of the collapse in world oil prices. Even before the quake, Ecuador was bracing for a bout of austerity, with the International Monetary Fund forecasting the economy would

shrink 4.5 per cent this year.

In a televised address Wednesday night, Correa warned the nation of a long and costly post-quake recovery and said the economic pain shouldn't fall only on hard-hit communities along the coast.

"I know we're at the most difficult stage right now but it's just the beginning," he said.

Rescuers continued to comb through the rubble in coastal towns hit hardest by the quake, but the clock is running down for finding survivors. Rescue workers say a person without serious injuries can survive up to a week buried in debris in the Ecuadorian heat.

On Thursday, Jorge Zambrano, mayor of the community of Manta, announced that three people had been pulled from beneath a collapsed building the night before and vowed to continue searching.

"I still have hope we can find

more people who are still alive beneath the rubble," he said. "If we have even a hope of life, we must work with extreme care."

Rescuers also found a more unusual survivor: A flapping white-and-brown duck was pulled from under a pile of rubble, becoming a social media celebrity in a country eager for good news.

Using authority granted by the state of emergency he declared after Saturday night's quake, Correa said sales taxes would increase from 12 per cent to 14 per cent for the coming year.

People with more than \$1 million in assets will be charged a one-time tax of 0.9 per cent on their wealth, while workers earning over \$1,000 a month will be forced to contribute a day's wages and those earning \$5,000 a month the equivalent of five days' pay.

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'I do' has big costs

WEDDING

Small things add up and can blow a budget, planner says

Whoever said love doesn't cost a thing wasn't planning a wedding.

Recently-engaged couple Camille Verschooris and Andrew Lounsbury knew tying the knot was expensive, but they didn't realize how pricey it could be until they found out their \$30,000 budget wasn't enough to cut it for the wedding of their dreams.

"The budget got thrown out of the window quickly," said Verschooris, a 24-year-old producer's assistant.

"What we imagined was very different than what we could afford," added 29-year-old Lounsbury.

The couple was faced with a big decision: Do they scale back or do they bite the bullet and up how much they were willing to

spend? Ultimately — with help from their parents — they decided to splurge on a wedding they would want to attend, complete with a guest photo booth and a \$1,200 espresso bar to be rolled out at the end of the night.

For Verschooris, the greatest sticker shock was not from the big-ticket items like the wedding gown (\$5,000) or the photographer (another \$5,000), but it was how quickly the small expenses added up. Having lights and sound at a wedding and bringing in the

linens, china and decorations are considered extra requests — and come with accompanying fees.

Wedding planner Rebecca

multiply that figure by the number of guests attending and getting a full cost estimate of everything they need for the venue — from chair rentals to speakers — for a more realistic idea of the final bill.

Then add up all the miscellaneous costs like hiring an officiant, coat check and transportation to and from the ceremony site, she said.

"These are not usually the first things you think of when you're planning your wedding," said Chan.

Couples should also make sure they budget in other costs they may be on the hook for, such as the rehearsal dinner and a brunch for family and close friends the next day.

To keep down costs, she suggests couples think about booking their wedding during the off-season, between November to April and on a Friday or Sunday night. Doing so can save couples as much as 20 per cent compared to having a summer wedding on a Saturday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Chan says one of the biggest costs for a wedding is a venue.

For example, a wedding venue in downtown Toronto can charge between \$150 to \$300 per person, just for the meal.

Chan recommends couples

Canada gets a 'D' on its environmental report card

A new report suggests Canada ranks 14th among 16 peer countries when it comes to environmental performance, with only the United States and Australia doing worse.

The report by the Conference Board of Canada on Thursday gives Canada a "D" grade based

on nine indicators covering climate change, air pollution, and freshwater management.

On climate change, the agency says with 20.7 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per capita, Canada's greenhouse gas emissions are among the highest, with only the U.S. and Australia

faring worse. However, Canada gets an "A" rating for low-emitting electricity generation. The report says with nearly 80 per cent of Canada's electricity being generated from low-emitting sources such as hydro and nuclear power, Canada is behind only Norway, Switzerland, France

and Sweden.

The Conference Board says while some of poor grades can be explained by a large land mass, cold climate and resource-intensive economy, the results suggest there is a long way to go towards improvement.

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DINO DECLINE

Biologists at the University of Reading put together dino family trees from the available fossil evidence. Then they used advanced statistics to draw conclusions about how many new species were emerging, and how many were

going extinct. They found that **dinosaurs were starting to decline at least 40 million years before the asteroid hit** — that's when the rate of speciation (formation of new species) fell below the rate of extinction.

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Why does this matter? Because with fewer species, there's less genetic diversity, and with less diversity, it's harder for a species to adapt to changes — like, say, the impact of an asteroid that tosses enough dust in the air to block the sun and change the weather. Would the dinos still be here if that fateful asteroid never hit? We'll never know.

CONTINENTAL CRACK-UP

The authors guess the separating supercontinents Laurasia and Gondwana may have contributed to the decrease in speciation.

Dinos couldn't migrate around and interbreed as much anymore, and those are factors that help create variety, and, eventually, new species.

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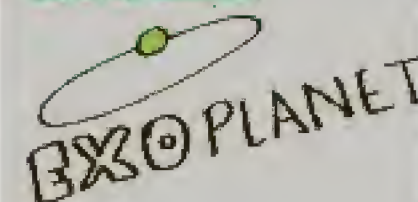
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NASA's Hubble telescope has photographed a massive bubble — seven light-years across — being blown into space by a super-hot, extremely heavy star. The Bubble Nebula is 7,100 light-years away, in the constellation Cassiopeia.

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Born a rock star

Prince Rogers Nelson created a gender- and genre-bending blend of rock, funk and soul all his own

OBITUARY

The legendary musical chameleon has died at age 57

Prince could play guitar like Carlos Santana or Jimi Hendrix, sing like James Brown, turn out pop melodies worthy of Motown or lay down the deepest grooves this side of Sly and the Family Stone. But no one could mistake his sound for anyone but Prince.

The dazzlingly talented and charismatic singer, songwriter, arranger and instrumentalist who died Thursday at his home drew upon the history of modern popular music and created a gender- and genre-defying blend of rock, funk and soul. With hits including 1999, Purple Rain and Little Red Corvette, Prince's records sold more than 100 million copies and earned him Grammys and an Oscar.

The Minneapolis native stood just 5 feet, 2 inches, yet made a powerful visual impact at the dawn of the MTV era, proving to be the Little Richard for the '80s, from his wispy moustache and tall pompadour to his colorful and suggestive outfits — the counterpart to the openly erotic lyrics that made him one of the most sexually daring artists of

the era.

But his greatest legacy was as a musician, summoning original and compelling sounds at will, whether playing guitar in a flamboyant style that drew on Hendrix, switching his vocals from a nasally scream to an erotic falsetto. Among his other notable releases: Sign O' the Times, and Graffiti Bridge.

"He rewrote the rulebook, forging a synthesis of black funk and white rock that served as a blueprint for cutting-edge music in the Eighties," reads his dedication in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The 57-year-old superstar passed away Thursday at his home in Minneapolis. The local sheriff said deputies found Prince unresponsive in an elevator late Thursday morning, but that first responders couldn't revive him.

"I am confirming that Prince, the legendary iconic performer, has died at his home this morning at Paisley Park," his publicist, Yvette Noel-Schure, told The Associated Press.

No details about what may have caused his death have been released. Prince postponed a concert in Atlanta on April 7, saying he had fallen ill with the flu, and he apologized to fans during a make-up concert last week. An autopsy is scheduled for Friday.

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“ Few artists have influenced the sound and trajectory of popular music more distinctly, or touched quite so many people with their talent. President Barack Obama



From left: Prince performs during the halftime show at the Super Bowl in 2007; Prince at the Grammys last year; and the artist performing with Beyoncé in 2004. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/GETTY IMAGES; FRANK MICELOTTA/GETTY IMAGES

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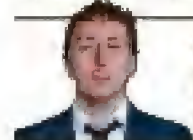
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Gender politics in Game of Thrones

For every instance of full-frontal male nudity in GoT, there are on average at least two head-to-toe naked women in seasons one to five. Yes, we counted. But while actress Emilia Clarke calls for the HBO show to “free the penis,” experts Metro spoke to say creating a genital gender parity won’t actually add up to much.

When it comes to male nud-



Colin McNeil
Metro | Toronto

ity, the revolution will be televised.

That is, if you think the recent rash of men stripping to the buff on the small screen is a revolution at all.

Earlier this year, a male full-

frontal scene in BBC's War and Peace miniseries prompted Twitter to lose its mind and create the hashtag #WarAndPenis. The same thing happened in March when Tom Hiddleston's bare bum spawned #Hiddlestumb. Add full-frontal man-views from Outlander and Vinyl, and you can call it a trend.

So what about the granddaddy of gratuitous nudity —

Game of Thrones? We don't know how much or what kind will be thrust upon us in Sea-

son 6, which premieres Sunday, but if the previous five are any indication, it'll be heavy on disrobing women and light on exposed manhood.

Last season was particularly unfriendly to women on screen. Christine Evans, University of British Columbia film studies lecturer, says the rape of Sansa and that Cersei Lannister scene (you know the one) were likely the last offensive straw for many viewers. Though, she notes, fans are likely to keep watching in spite of it all, “partially out of curiosity over what the show's next big regressive move will be.”

She says the show “is in tenuous territory” when it comes to gender politics.

In a program infamous for baring it all, relatively few swords actually leave the scabbard. What we mean is, there just aren't all that many penises in GoT. In fact, for every instance of full-frontal male nudity, there are on average at least two head-to-toe naked women in seasons one to five.

Yes, we counted.

While the naked female body is often front and centre in Game of Thrones, most of those male moments were but fleeting glances. And, full disclosure, one was actually a baby.

Metro shared the findings of our highly unscientific nudity survey with Evans and University of Toronto Professor of media and education Megan Boler. They were “not even remotely” surprised.

“It doesn't surprise me at all,” says Boler. “Popular cul-



Emilia Clarke, seen here as Daenerys Targaryen in Game of Thrones' Season 6, which premieres Sunday, has called for the show to “free the penis.” COURTESY HBO/MACALL B. POLAY

ture, and really most cultures, have traded in and capitalized on images of naked women since time immemorial.”

She talks about the ‘male gaze’ — the idea that pop culture presumes a heterosexual audience of men, and everything in it is meant to please them.

Emilia Clarke, whose character was stripped naked in one of the very first episodes, must have noticed this below the waist imbalance, too. And she has a solution. She proclaimed GoT needs to “free the penis” while appearing on the Conan O'Brien show last week.

But creating a genital gender parity won't actually add up to much, say our experts.

“Seeing a guy walking

around with a huge powerful boner and smashing it into some lady's face isn't really going to help the gender politics of the show,” says Evans.

The idea of “just throw more d— in for the ladies” isn't going to work. “Context matters.”

In other words — breaking news — Game of Thrones is not single-handedly toppling the patriarchy any time soon.

But Boler has hope yet. If we get to see John Snow's ‘Longclaw’, for example, “maybe it'll make people think ‘huh, now why is this surprising me?’”

So Monday morning, while you're hovering around the online water cooler discussing GoT's latest bombshell plot twist — pause for a moment, and think of the penis.

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reissued, on the Bard are being published, film adaptations will be screened — from Franco Zeffirelli's *Romeo and Juliet* to looser interpretations including *Ran* (King Lear) and *10 Things I Hate About You* (The Taming of the Shrew) — exhibitions held, and, of course, theatre companies will stage his 37 comedies, tragedies and histories.

At our house? We'll feud like the Montagues and Capulets over which Kenneth Branagh adaptation to watch.

There is a lot of love in our house for the man who's adapted, directed, and often starred in, five Shakespeare plays for the big screen.

"It's fascinating how different generations get Shakespeare through the leading interpreters of their day," Simon said as I plated up dinner, a made-up casserole consisting of polenta, peppers and spicy Italian sausage, which tasted great but looked like garbage.

"The day changes, and so does the interpretation. For our parent's generation it was Shake-

THE MOVIE:
Much Ado About Nothing



THE MEAL:
Casserole



speare as he existed through Laurence Olivier and John Gielgud. For us, it's through K-Bran."

"Excuse me?"

"That's what we're calling Kenneth in this house from now on, FYI."

Fine, but which K-Bran production to watch? I suggested Henry V, Branagh's directorial debut (he turned 28 while filming it!) that scored him Oscar nominations for best director and best actor, if only to revisit the end when he carries a young Christian Bale over

his shoulder in that four-minute-long single tracking shot, a move that would become the director's trademark.

But Simon argued for Hamlet — the four-hour-long unabridged Hamlet — so, no.

We settled on a comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*.

"This is perfect," Simon said once we started. "It's set in Tuscany and we're having a Tuscan-inspired meal."

"Ah, polenta is not Tuscan," I said.

"Stop talking because you're missing all the bulges," he said, as men on horseback in tight white pants filled the screen.

"You stop because you're missing Denzel Washington!"

"Impossible," he said. "I can't take my eyes off him."

"I can't take my eyes off their teeth," I replied. "I'm pretty sure Emma Thompson and Kate Beckinsale have since had their choppers fixed."

And then there's Keanu Reeves, who speaks approximately 10 words in the film in between brooding and maniacal laughing.

"Wouldn't you love to get K-Bran drunk and get him to talk about that casting?" Simon asked. "I mean, I know he's good looking but he's not so good looking that you're distracted and miss the fact that he can't act."

"I kind of like him," I said, "in the same way that I enjoy Drew Barrymore: It's like they're both playing dress-up, or acting in a school play. It's charming."

"God K-Bran is funny," Simon said. "Can you imagine when he's old enough to do *King Lear*?"

"Actually, it's Shakespeare that's funny," I said. "But K-Bran's got a good sense of humour. I mean, he directed *Thor*."

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*.

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ANALYSIS

Charlize Theron GQ gaffe out of character

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



Charlize Theron understands some things should only be spoken about when and where she chooses and not at the behest of an aggressive reporter looking to dredge up painful memories for the sake of "good television." Theron is media savvy so I was surprised a few weeks ago when she caused a media hurly burly with comments about the burden of being beautiful.

Chatting up her new film *The Huntsman: Winter's War* with *British GQ* she said, "How

many roles are out there for the gorgeous, BLEEPING, gown-wearing eight-foot model? When meaty roles come through, I've been in the room and pretty people get turned away first."

She is a beautiful woman, that is clear, but is she intimating that being beautiful has harmed her career?

Turns out she wasn't, or so she claims. Alleging a misquote, she later apologized, saying that playing "deconstructed characters" appeals because, "how many characters really are there out there for a woman wearing a gown? You have to play real people."

The mea culpa was unneces-

sary. She works in a business where beauty is a commodity.

The problem with her earlier statement is that publicly acknowledging one's own looks carries with it a hint of arrogance, a suggestion that winning the genetic lottery somehow makes you superior, but she simply said something others already have.

Theron may have missed out on a job or two because of her looks, but it's also an element of what made her a star.

That and talent, and just as you wouldn't apologize for skin colour or having red hair or being tall or short, she doesn't need to say sorry for being beautiful.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Huntsman: Winter's War ★
A Hologram for a King ★★
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Charlize Theron recently came under fire for complaining there's no serious roles for beautiful, gown-wearing women. CONTRIBUTED

A film about standing still

Steve Gow

For Metro Canada



Tom Tykwer is a busy guy. The filmmaker behind hits like 1998's *Run Lola Run* and *Cloud Atlas* isn't just set to begin shooting a busy TV drama called *Berlin Babylon*, but he's also about to release his latest big-screen hit.

It's a whirlwind schedule the likes of which Tykwer's never entertained before.

"I'm in the eye of the storm," laughed the 50-year-old German auteur from a Berlin taxi ultimately en route to the world premiere of *A Hologram for the King* in Manhattan. "Its unfortunate the release date ended up coinciding with the (TV show) but it's a very decadent, luxurious problem to have."

Ironically, Tykwer's frantic situation doesn't remotely resemble that of the protagonist in his new movie. Based on au-



Even with Hanks attached to this project, filmmaker Tom Tykwer struggled to secure financing for this independent film. CONTRIBUTED

thor Dave Eggers' bestseller, *A Hologram for the King* follows a has-been salesman (Tom Hanks) around Saudi Arabia where he aims to seal a huge development deal but ends up stalled in the sand endlessly awaiting a meeting that never happens.

"I loved the idea of a dynamic movie of someone who

basically runs into a wall and stops," said Tykwer.

"His whole life comes to a halt and I loved the challenge to make that the most dynamic film I've done since *Run Lola Run*."

Making a film about "standing still" was not a painless movie to get produced either. In fact, even with a name like Tom Hanks attached, Tykwer still struggled for modest financing because "the whole market of independent filmmaking on a slightly larger canvas, it's the hardest battlefield at the moment — you have to be really, really low-budget or over \$200 (million)."

Still, there's no doubt that what may lure many moviegoers to shell out for the comic allegory about middle-class angst is Tom Hanks.

Now having worked twice with the star (*Cloud Atlas*, this), Tykwer feels he's unearthed one of the mysteries of the Oscar-winning thespian.

"The secret is similar to what you project on him: He is insanely relatable," explained Tykwer.

"There's an openness that happens with him that I've not actually experienced elsewhere and I don't know even how aware he is of it. It's just something he instinctively knows how to do."

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5 ISLAND EXPERIENCES TO HAVE IN ANGUILLA

This semi-posh British island just north of St. Martin has one of the highest rates of repeat visitors in the Caribbean. And for good reason: the beaches are never crowded, the food is great, and the people are warm and welcoming. The off-season from May to August is a perfect time to go.

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1 Hit the water

Just staring into the turquoise water on any of Anguilla's white sand beaches will keep you busy for hours. But when you tire of relaxing, **deep-sea fishing, kite surfing, paddle boarding, kayaking and scuba diving** can easily occupy your time. An afternoon sailing from bay to bay on classic sailboat the Tradition or a power boat adventure from Funtime Charters are just two types of cruise options to seek out.



2 Buy some art

When was the last time you bought a souvenir that didn't just end up in a drawer? **Many choice craft boutiques and galleries dot the streets of The Valley and the West End.** Cheddie Richardson's studio in Cove Bay will net you arresting driftwood pieces, stone sculptures and bronze casts, all nature-inspired. And the handmade jewellery, bright ceramics and sensual mahogany carvings at the Devonish Art Gallery are equally amazing.



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4 Go A-list for sunset

Sunset at the Sunset Lounge couldn't be more special. People flock to this elegant waterfront bar in the Viceroy Anguilla hotel at cocktail time to see how the other half lives and to prime the night with the signature jalapeño margarita. **This Kelly Wearstler-designed resort is stunning, especially the adjacent Cobà restaurant.** You can also hit the lounge later in the evening for a nightcap and a spot of jazz.



5 Get down

Live music is very much a part of the culture in Anguilla. Locals and tourists lap up reggae, jazz and R&B bands almost every night at one of many venues scattered around the island, including the Powerhouse, Johnno's Beach Stop and the Dunes Preserve, owned by music icon Bankie Banx. Other acts to seek out include Banx's son, cricket-champ-turned-reggae-star Omari Banks, Natalie Richardson, Da Movements, True Intentions and Sproka.

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NOT A TOURIST | A letter from Omar Mouallem in Tuscany

The perfect ruin

Canadians Jonathan Lawrence and Stephan Petasky are turning on tortuous roads in a rented Fiat, past central Tuscany's swooping pastures, rolling hills and tilled clay. At the end of a cypress-lined road, a 300 to 500-year-old sprawling property comes into view and Petasky, president of high-end vacation home developer Luxus, practically jumps out of the passenger seat.



"Whoa! There's a ruin for you," he says, staring at the dilapidated hilltop farmhouse with a half a roof and trees growing out the inside.

He estimates the former peasant property will cost €350,000 (more than half a million in Canadian dollars), but it will take another several million to turn it into something deserving of the Luxus brand. "That's where it all starts."

With Fulvio di Rosa, a renowned Italian engineer and restoration architect, Petasky recently restored Panico Padore, a super fixer-upper near Monteroni D'Arbia into a corporate retreat. Now he's looking for more.

Di Rosa and his partner soon pull up in a dusted green pickup. Di Rosa

removes his sweater, knots it around his waist, and begins investigating the palatial farmhouse with a furrowed brow — first from afar, to assess the vista quality, then up close, running his fingers through massive cracks. It's nothing he can't handle.

Di Rosa's restored whole medieval hamlets, innumerable private properties and counts amongst his clients and friends Under the Tuscan Sun author Frances Mayes.

The 1997 chick-lit blockbuster didn't so much jumpstart the Italian restoration industry as set it to turbo-charge.

How many properties worth salvaging remain?

"In terms of a ruin that's authentic, has interesting architecture, has a view without problems like a 10,000 kilowatt pole?" he asks rhetorically. "Under 20 I would say."

This is one of them. Although one side has caved in, the high ceilings have great potential. There's a beautiful mix of stone and brick. A smaller separate barn that could be converted into a caretaker's suite.

Best of all, says di Rosa, "There's nothing obstructing the view. It's perfect."



Renowned restoration architect and engineer Fulvio di Rosa checks out the scene at a dilapidated, but stunning farmhouse in Italy. COURTESY OMAR MOUALLEM



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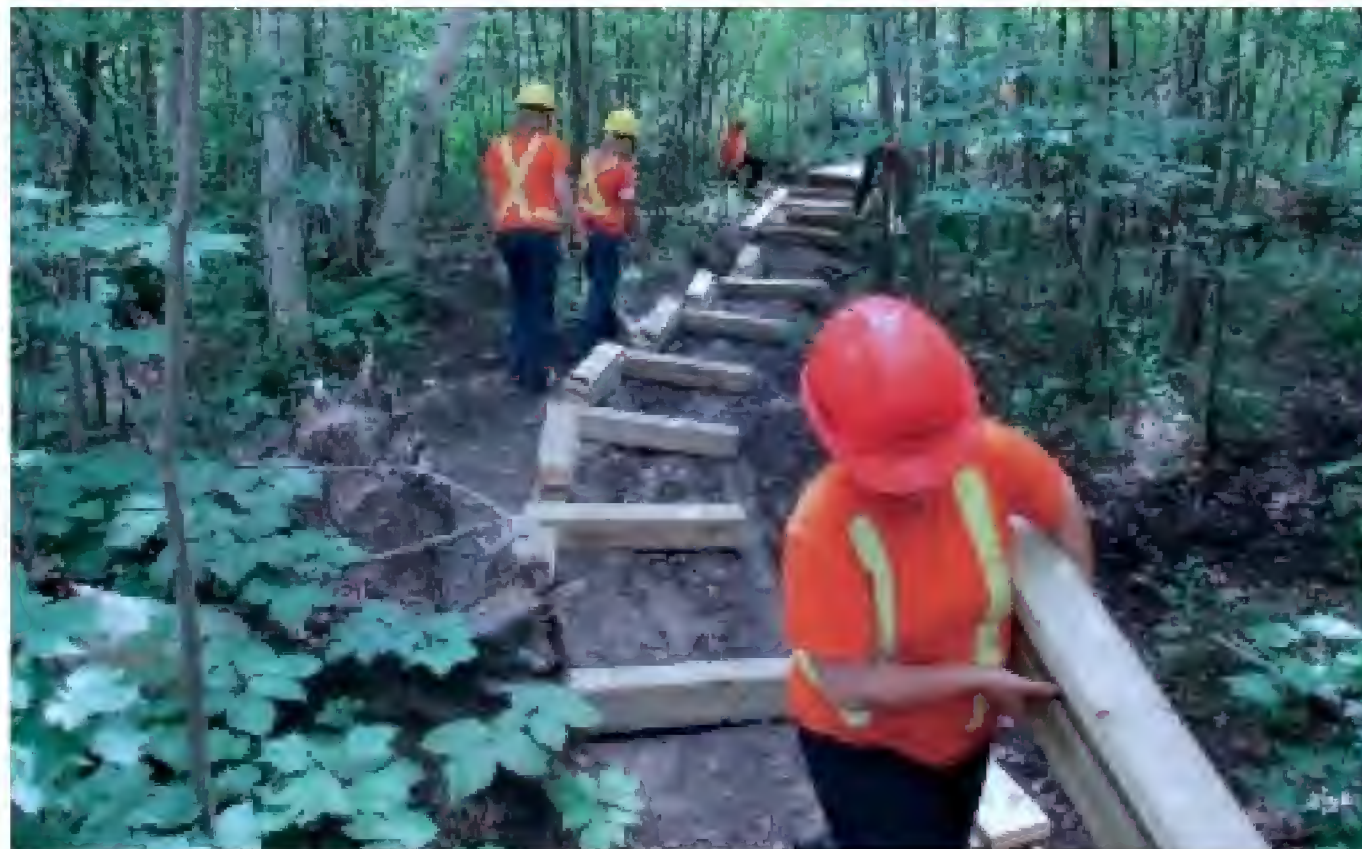
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EARTH DAY: A GLOBAL PHENOMENON

As you celebrate Earth Day by planting a tree, signing the 25th anniversary flag or joining in any of the eco-events in your community, know that you're part of a movement — and it's only getting bigger. There's a whole planet of concerned citizens out there committed to building a healthy, sustainable environment, addressing climate change and protecting the future of the Earth.

The worldwide phenomenon of Earth Day began over 40 years ago in the United States by Gaylord Nelson, a Wisconsin politician who overhauled his state's natural-resource program before turning his sights on the rest of the country. His efforts led to the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, which is credited with launching the modern environmental movement. Soon after, the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and many other landmark environmental laws were passed.

By the 1990s, Earth Day had gone global, inspiring 200 million people in more than 100 countries to get involved and propelling environmental issues onto the international stage. The Earth Day Network had become the



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world's largest gateway to the environmental movement, working through a combination of education, public policy, and consumer

campaigns in nearly 200 countries.

Earth Day is now the largest civic observance on the planet, with more than one

billion people participating in activities each year. For Deb Doncaster, president of Earth Day Canada, the numbers may be impressive, but it's how the various Earth Day organizations around the world have begun working together that will lead to sustainable success. And initiatives such as Rooting4Trees, a month-long crowd-planting campaign committed to planting 25,000 legacy trees, are pivotal.

"There hasn't been a lot of unity among the groups, and I think we're all trying to change that," she says. "Part of our tree campaign was actually inspired by the Earth Day Network's call to action to plant 7.8 billion trees by Earth Day 2020. We're trying to work with the other Earth Day organizations to have more consistency in terms of our goals and our campaigns for Earth Day."

The next step, she says, is getting the significance of April 22 fully validated on the holiday calendar, "a push to have Earth Day designated as a stat holiday, or a day of civic action, where we encourage people to get outside and touch the Earth in some way or another," she says.

One Earth, one flag

They represent nations and symbolize beliefs. And now, Earth Day Canada has a flag of its own.

The massive 30 x 60-foot Earth Flag, unveiled last week at the Green Living Show in Toronto, illustrates the collective resolve of Canadians to reduce their carbon footprint. It contains signatures and illustrations by people from all provinces and territories across Canada, including prominent artists, musicians and politicians, such as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Piecing it together was no small feat. Last April, Earth Day Canada sent a call to schools across the country with

a simple request: create an Earth Flag swatch and bring your school community together to show its commitment to climate action.

The outpouring was tremendous. "We had no idea what to expect," says Lindsay Bunce, former director of education for Earth Day Canada and now program director at Ontario EcoSchools. "As schools began responding to our call, we were thrilled. Over the next several weeks, Earth flags started showing up at the Earth Day Canada office."

By the end of May, she says, they had received more than 170 school flags containing over 40,000 signatures. "We

received bedazzled flags, bejeweled flags, painted flags, embroidered flags, stamped flags, flag collages, flags on canvas, flags on paper, and even some flags sewn together from bed sheets," Bunce says. "With each new flag we received, a colourful and complex mosaic began to come together."

They quickly amassed more than 250,000 signatures, with a goal of reaching one million by Earth Day. People can still sign the Earth flag online or at any Earth Day event where organizers have printed their own mini version of the Earth Flag.

The flag's centrepiece — an image of a majestic moose on a cliff overlooking its domain — was created by world-renowned artist and historian Charles Pachter, who shared his thoughts on the flag's significance:



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"I'm delighted to see my painting enlarged to this vast scale and surrounded by signatures of students and people from all across Canada," he wrote in a message shared at the unveiling. "I hope that it will provide inspiration and invoke pride in all the efforts Earth Day is making to raise awareness about protecting our fragile planet."

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To celebrate these young eco heroes, Earth Day Canada collaborated with Staples Canada to create "Superpower Your School," a contest that rewards innovative "green ideas."

Every year, the contest selects 10 schools (five elementary and five secondary) from across Canada that are making significant efforts to protect the planet, not merely by recycling milk cartons or printing on both sides of a page, but through innovative environmental projects that have led to a noticeable impact both at school and in the community. In recognition of their eco-heroism, the winning schools receive \$25,000 each toward the purchase of new technology and to support their future environmental and educational work.

How popular is the contest? This past year, nearly 630 schools across the coun-

try applied. The winning schools were notified during recent surprise assemblies and were celebrated with cameras and fanfare. It's the kind of resourcefulness that offers real encouragement for the future of the planet.

"Schools are at the forefront of environmental change," says Deb Doncaster, president of Earth Day Canada. "We are thrilled to be working with Staples Canada to recognize and celebrate the exceptional efforts and leadership of these teachers, students and staff."

Queen Elizabeth High School in north Edmonton was the first winner to be announced. The school's students and staff earned the award for their efforts in environmental education, notably developing a program that combines curricula with community engagement and research opportunities for students.

It allows students to tackle sustainable-development challenges while also earning academic credits. Their \$25,000 grant will be used to equip the school's Energy Lab with the latest in modern technology and to create a more collaborative workspace.



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Willy back at '100 per cent'

BLUE BOMBERS

QB getting up to speed on changes to team's offence

Drew Willy wouldn't say his season-ending injury last August killed the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' chances to play in the Grey Cup game they were hosting.

But the starting quarterback did admit it hurt the team, which won just two games after the injury. Winnipeg went on to a 5-13 record that knocked it out of the CFL playoffs for a fourth straight season.

"I think it played a big part," Willy said Thursday at a press conference setting up the team's mini camp next week for offensive players. "Game by game you don't know what it affects, but I think talking to a lot of the guys in the locker-room, when you battle with guys for so long and I'm trying to get healthy and they see me on crutches and stuff, it's tough."

"It was tough for me just to be around and watch us struggle as a team. But at the same time, we were in a lot of those games and a play here or there could have changed the season or get (us) in the playoffs and you never know after that."

Willy, 29, suffered a tibial plateau fracture and a partial posterior cruciate ligament tear in his right knee when Erik Harris hit him in an Aug. 9 loss to the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

The four-year veteran said he's "100 per cent" recovered



The Blue Bombers' chances at playing in the Grey Cup in Winnipeg last year took a hit with Drew Willy's injury. THE CANADIAN PRESS

and did a lot of throwing at his new home in Tampa, Fla., with CFL receivers such as Montreal's S.J. Green and Kenny Stafford and former Bomber Nick Moore, who signed as a free agent with B.C. in February.

Willy has also been studying the playbook of new Bombers offensive co-ordinator Paul LaPolice and thinks the three-day mini camp in Winnipeg that

353

The Bombers scored a league-low 353 points last season.

starts Monday might be good with only offensive players.

He's got to get familiar with

some off-season acquisitions, including running back Andrew Harris and receivers Weston Dressler and Ryan Smith.

"I was kind of skeptical at first, just not having a defence out there," Willy said. "It'll be different because a lot of football's reaction so you're reacting to a defence. But after talking with coaches and other players that have done this before around the

league, they were telling me it's a good operation just because you're able to concentrate on your own stuff as an offence."

"And you can really kind of fine-tune what you want to do on offence and really over-emphasize things that you want to get done so that way in (training) camp you're not even thinking about the little things it takes to be successful." THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

New drug policy in place

There will be drug testing this season in the CFL.

The league and the CFL Players' Association jointly announced Thursday expanded testing for performance-enhancing drugs will take place in 2016. There was no drug testing last year after the CFL severed its partnership with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports, which had conducted the tests.

The partnership was rekindled this off-season with the CCES resuming its role.

Under terms of the new agreement, the number of tests conducted will be equal to 100 per cent of the players in the league. But because testing will be random, it's possible some players will be tested twice while others won't be tested at all.

The deal also recognizes sanctions from Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS), the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), National Football League (NFL) and other World Anti-Doping Association tested sports.

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Players testing positive will face a two-game suspension for a first violation. It will increase to nine games for a second violation and a one-year ban for a third offence. A fourth violation will result in a lifetime ban.

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McGregor: I'm not retiring

UFC

Irishman pulls no punches over promotional demands

UFC fans, rejoice. Conor McGregor is not retired.

He's even willing to resume his spot in the main event at UFC 200.

The mixed martial arts superstar is simply fed up with the gruelling promotional demands that come with being a pay-per-view star. The 27-year-old fighter known for his over-

the-top personality says "I can not dance for you this time."

McGregor posted on Facebook Thursday that he needed to focus on himself and not the massive hype that accompanies his megafights.

"I have become lost in the game of promotion and forgot about the art of fighting," McGregor said in the nearly 650-word statement also posted to Twitter, instantly drawing

thousands of shares, retweets and comments from fans.

"For USADA and for the UFC and my contract stipulations - I AM NOT RETIRED," McGregor said.

McGregor, at times profane and critical of interviews he saw as pointless, said the "many distractions" led to errors in preparing for his last fight, specifically

ally with cardio and weight.

McGregor has been training for a rematch against Nate Diaz at UFC 200 in July. He lost to Diaz in March, ending a 15-fight winning streak in which he surprised many fans by fighting 25 pounds above his usual weight of 145 pounds, where he holds a title belt. The rematch was set to be fought at 170 pounds.

McGregor stirred fans this week with a tweet saying he had decided to retire young.

That prompted UFC

president Dana White to respond by saying McGregor had been pulled from UFC 200 because of the dispute over promotional appearances. White said McGregor was refusing to travel to Las Vegas for promotions ahead of another UFC card this weekend.

McGregor says he's still ready to fight at UFC 200.

"I'm doing what I need for me now. It is time to be selfish with my training again. It is the only way," he said. "I feel the \$400 million I have generated for the company in my last three events, all inside 8 months, is enough to get me this slight leeway."

McGregor said UFC denied a request for a decreased promotional push and he wrote he would still be willing to attend a scheduled press conference in New York.

"I did not shut down all media requests. I simply wanted a slight adjustment," he said.

White would not comment until a scheduled press conference Friday in Las Vegas.

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Conor McGregor

L.E. BASKOW/LAS VEGAS SUN
VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OBITUARY

Ex-WWE star Chyna dead at 46

Chyna, the tall, muscle-bound, raven-haired pro-wrestler who rocketed to popularity in the 1990s after taking on both women and men in the ring and later revealed her struggles with addiction on reality TV, has died, authorities said. She was 46.

Police in Southern California said they were responding to a 911 call from a friend of the former World Wrestling Entertainment wrestler when they found her dead in her Redondo Beach apartment.

The friend had gone Wednesday to check on Chyna, whose real name is Joan Marie Laurer, after she failed to answer her phone for a few days, Redondo Beach police said in a statement.

Officials didn't immediately release a cause of death, but investigators said there were no indications of foul play. Police initially reported the death as a "possible overdose," Los Angeles County's assistant chief coroner Ed Winter said.

An autopsy was planned in the next few days, he said.

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+ UFC 200

Milestone PPV's main event in flux

White said this week he was working on a new UFC 200 main event and could keep Diaz on the card.

The stacked card already included an interim featherweight championship bout between Jose Aldo and Frankie Edgar and Miesha Tate defends her bantamweight title against Amanda Nunes.

McGregor, who sits alongside

Ronda Rousey as the UFC's biggest pay-per-view stars, is still the featherweight champion.

Aldo and Edgar will meet for the interim belt and the winner was scheduled to get the first shot at a unification fight against McGregor.



NHL PLAYOFFS BOLT-ING AHEAD TO THE NEXT ROUND Lightning goalie Ben Bishop makes a save against Red Wings forward Justin Abdelkader in Game 5 of their first-round series on Thursday in Tampa, Fla. Bishop made 34 saves and Alex Killorn scored the game's only goal as the Lightning used a 1-0 victory to win the series 4-1. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Laughton out of hospital, but won't travel with Flyers

The Philadelphia Flyers say forward Scott Laughton has been released from the hospital and is doing well a day after being taken off the ice on a stretcher.

The team says he won't travel to Washington for Game 5 Friday on night and that it will provide an update in the coming days.

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Wizards reportedly hire former Thunder coach

Two people familiar with the deal say the Washington Wizards have reached an agreement with Scott Brooks to become the team's new coach.

Brooks went 338-207 in seven years with the Oklahoma City Thunder, which included a trip to the NBA Finals in 2012.

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Canada caps perfect round robin at mixed curling worlds

Canada closed out round-robin play at the world mixed doubles curling championship on Thursday by dumping Australia 13-1 in Karlstad, Sweden.

The Saskatoon duo of Dustin Kalthoff and Marliese Kasner won all six round-robin games to lock up first place in Group D at the 42-team event. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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L.A. win on 'weird day'

MLB

Ace Kershaw escapes Atlanta with 1 earned run on 10 hits

After nicking Clayton Kershaw for 10 hits, the Braves were feeling pretty good about themselves.

Too bad for Atlanta, it was a familiar outcome.

Yasmani Grandal drove home the go-ahead run with a 10th-inning double, and the Los Angeles Dodgers pulled out a 2-1 victory over the Braves on Thursday, even though Kershaw clearly didn't have his best stuff.

Atlanta slipped to 4-11 after its second straight extra-inning loss to the Dodgers.

"We were going after it pretty good," said Drew Stubbs, who had two of the hits off Kershaw. "Unfortunately, we couldn't push across more than one run."

Kershaw came in with a 1.64

THURSDAY In Atlanta



ERA, signalling the start of another overpowering season for the three-time NL Cy Young winner. This was a bit of a hiccup, marking only the fourth time in 246 career starts that he's given up double-figure hits, though he did give up only one run in eight innings and struck out 10.

He even unleashed a bloop pitch to Tyler Flowers in the fourth. It clocked at a mere 46 m.p.h.

"Weird day," Kershaw said. "It was a grind, for sure."

The Braves had their chances against Kershaw, most notably squandering a base-loaded opportunity in the second. Mallex Smith struck out and Wisler grounded into an inning-ending double play.

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Clayton Kershaw delivers on Thursday in Atlanta. JOHN AMIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

M's take advantage as Allen blows it in Cleveland

Cody Allen wasted a Cleveland Indians rally.

Robinson Cano hit a three-run homer off Allen with two outs in the 10th inning, giving Seattle a 10-7 win Thursday.

Rays tag Price for 8 runs

Evan Longoria and Curt Casali homered off David Price, and the Tampa Bay Rays chased their ex-teammate in the fourth inning to beat the Boston Red Sox 12-8 on Thursday.

Suzuki burns Scherzer

Ichiro Suzuki had two hits, scored twice and made two sliding catches in right field Thursday for the Miami Marlins, who beat Max Scherzer and the Washington Nationals 5-1.

Nolasco rights Twins' ship

Ricky Nolasco struck out seven and allowed five hits over six-plus innings, and Minnesota snapped a season-opening, seven-game road losing streak by beating the Milwaukee Brewers 8-1 on Thursday.

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Celebrate the end of the week with a pancake equivalent of a pina colada.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup spelt flour
- 1/4 cup ground almonds
- 1/4 unsweetened, shredded coconut
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- pinch of salt
- 2 ripe bananas
- 1/2 cup almond milk
- 1/3 cup light coconut milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon agave nectar or maple syrup
- butter for pan

Directions

1. In a mixing bowl, combine

the flour, ground almonds, coconut, cinnamon, baking powder and salt.

2. Place one banana, coconut and almond milks, vanilla and syrup in a blender and blend until smooth. Add the milk mixture to the dry ingredients and stir until combined.

3. In a large skillet over medium heat, melt a small pat of butter and swirl it around. Then spoon the pancake mixture into the pan, allowing room for the pancakes to spread. Cook the pancakes for 2 to 3 minutes or until the mix bubble on the top. Flip the pancakes and allow to cook for another minute or two.

4. Remove the pancakes from the pan and keep warm. Top with the other banana, sliced and serve with syrup.

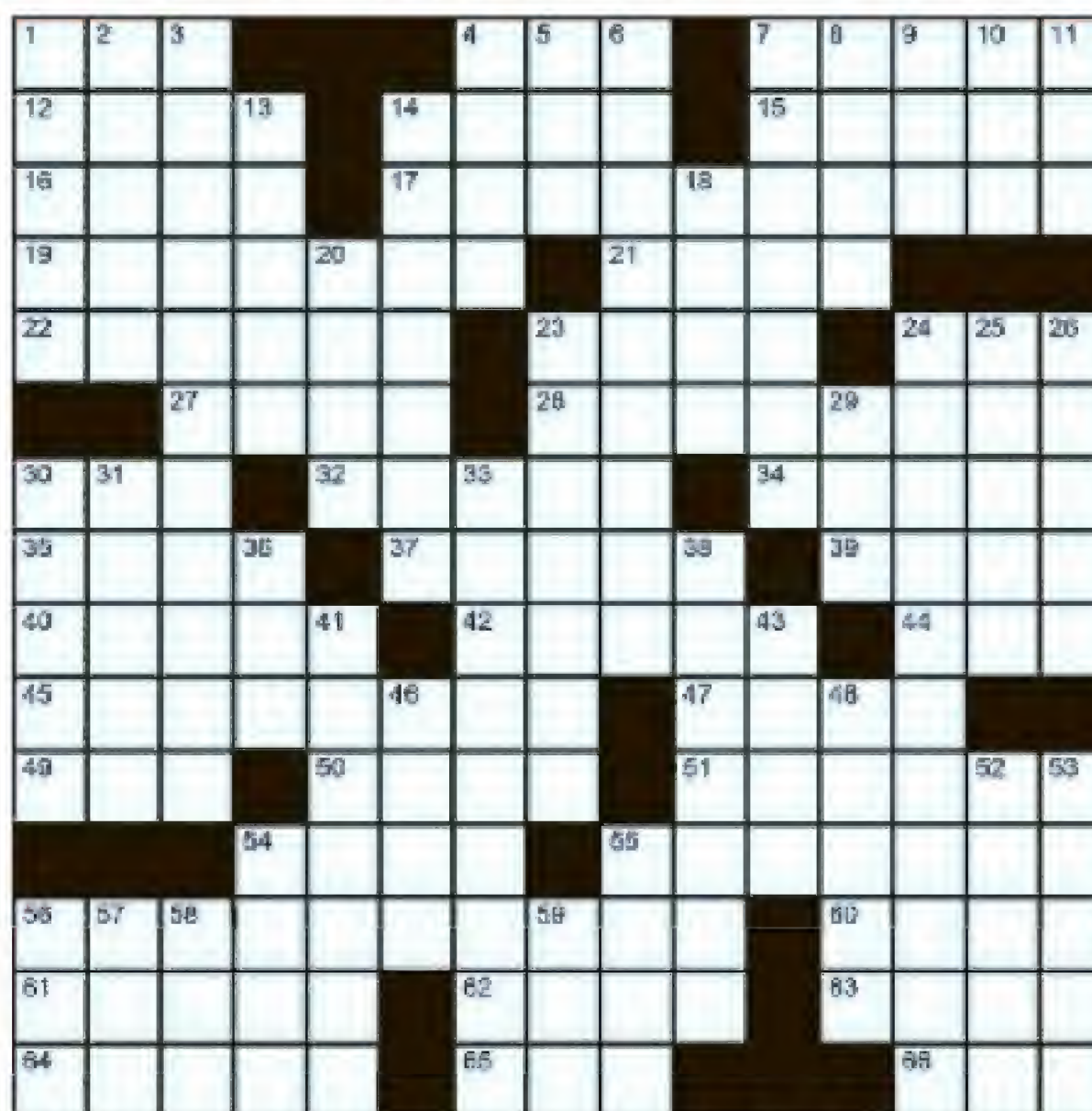
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ACROSS

- Half man/half dog like John Candy's character Barf in "Spaceballs" (1987)
- Theatrical monogram
- Shopping _
- Grads-to-be [abbr.]
- Valley where David slew Goliath
- "Bolero" composer
- 1906-founded sports org.
- Bosses, collectively
- Wrapped
- NBC host Hoda
- Journey to the _ of the Earth" (2008)
- Video game maker
- Angelina Jolie movie
- 'Star Wars' character
- What something out in half consists of: 2 wds.
- Tips, tiny-ly
- Ms. Woodard
- Web letter
- Pet food brand
- ___ for Murder" (1954)
- AD's 'A'
- Former
- Farm structures
- Bird that's a thief
- One-of-some in the finished basement's ceiling
- Pushers-catching cop
- 'Ghoul' suffix
- Hostile-to-Hobbits humanoid



- Ryan and Tatum of "Paper Moon" (1973)
- ___ Crazy" (1980)
- k.d. lang album
- 1851: ___ Beaver (Canada's first postage stamp)
- Eagles song: "___ Eyes"
- FOX News anchor Bret
- Village dubbed 'A Little Bit of Holland in Saskatchewan'
- Fair
- "Funkytown" by __, Inc.
- Initials-sharers of John Travolta's actress wife
- Bible: Relative of Saul

- 2 wds.
- Happy
- Shut out
- '___ Before Serving' (Orange juice carton message)
- Record before broadcasting
- Farm animal
- Rd. type

DOWN

- Cable news network
- Timely way to deliver theatrical lines: 2 wds.
- Crunchy apple:

- Bush's "Everything _"
- Computer key
- "___ say..." = "...alas..."
- ___ green
- Belinda Carlisle, band-style
- Mother of Helen of Troy
- British band, Dire _
- Song by Canadian band Timber Timbre, quite an attraction in Arizona: 2 wds.
- Singer Ms. Turner's autobiography: 2 wds.
- "It must be ___ news day."
- Music honour, e.g.
- Miss Longstocking
- Poi ingredients
- ___ Provincial Park, in Calgary
- Roman sun god
- Cher, Madonna, Beyonce or Sting
- Rampage participants
- Crooned
- Film set job
- Careens
- "The Good Earth" (1937) Oscar-winning actress Ms. Rainer
- Sir, in Spain
- Ooze
- 'Tsar' suffix (Russian enterprises)
- L'il piece of furniture to eat at
- Yes, in Japan
- Tear
- Particular pol. party

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will seek excitement today, because you crave something different! New romance, along with new pleasures and diversions, will delight you.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You feel restless today. Some of you will dabble in a secret love affair. Others will explore a secret business that could bring them more money in the future.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You might make a new friend today; if so, this person will be unusual and exciting. Alternatively, some of you will be surprised at something that an existing friend might say or do. It's not a boring day!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A surprise flirtation with your boss or someone in a position of authority might catch you off-guard today. Others will be delighted by unexpected praise or even a raise.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A sudden chance to travel will drop into your lap today. However, existing travel plans might change. Whatever happens, you will expand your horizons.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Gifts, goodies and favors from others will come your way today. Keep your pockets open and just say, "Thank you!" Ka-ching!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might have an unexpected disruption to an existing relationship with a friend or partner. (Be careful that you don't stir the pot just because you can.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
An unexpected raise or praise from a boss might delight you today. Travel for pleasure suddenly might arise because something will please you at work.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Romance might sweep you off your feet today, because this is a classic day for love at first sight. Others suddenly might have a chance to go on vacation. Yay!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You might buy something high-tech for your home today. You also might buy modern art. A spontaneous party might occur. Like, wow!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Surprise news or an opportunity to meet new people and see new places will make this an exciting day for you. Stay flexible and light on your feet!

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You might see new ways to earn money today. If so, you will have to act quickly, because this window of opportunity is brief. You might want to buy something.

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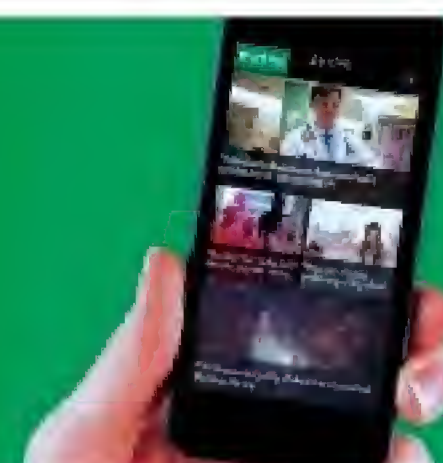
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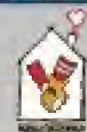


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